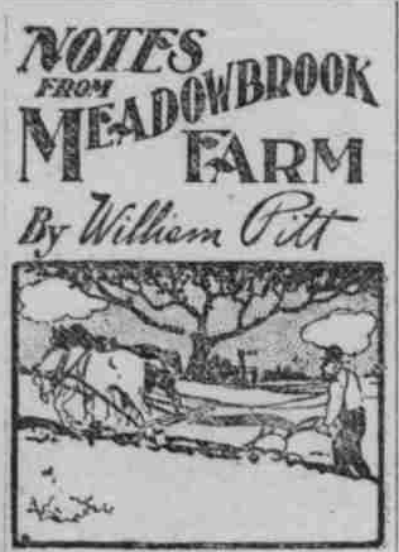


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**NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM**  
By William Pitt

Spray for San Jose scale.  
Progressive farmers have silos.  
Barley is mostly sown on corn stubble.  
Plowing is hard work, especially in stiff soil.  
Peas put back the fertility that the corn takes out.  
Kaffir corn is not as good for laying hens as wheat is.  
Keep the land constantly at work growing some crop.  
One of the very best feeds to grow for sheep is fodder corn.  
Cows differ somewhat in the amount of roughage they will take.  
Not enough attention has been given to the character of seed corn.  
The tractor is going to be the newest and biggest help to the farmer.  
The month of June is the time to prune for the growth of fruit spurs.  
Apples, plums and cherries should not be over three years old for setting out.  
Pigs need exercise, for their sole purpose and use in life is to produce muscle.  
It is better to buy feed and keep the stock in the yards until grass is abundant.  
The present trouble from gnawing the bark and limbs from small apple trees, spray with soap-suds.  
To be sweet and clean it is desirable that the cow stable be white-washed at least twice a year.  
There is no crop that a stock feeder can grow that will make as much feed as corn and peas or soybeans.  
As the pig develops its digestive system also enlarges, and it can use larger quantities of feed to advantage.  
The germinating power of the middle kernels on an ear of corn is much stronger than that of the tip and butt kernels.  
Beans can be turned into cash the quickest of any farm crop as it is possible to sell them in 90 days from planting.  
Few dairymen realize the tremendous significance of the cream trade that has been developed during the past few years.  
Once driven into wood, a recently invented split nail cannot be withdrawn, as the two parts curl away from each other.  
A gill of linseed meal contains more bone-forming matter than a pint and a half of corn, and as much nitrogen as three gills of corn.  
Corn treated with a dressing of plaster and ashes will soon show by the strong growth and the dark color of the leaf the effect of the dressing.  
The cream from the milkings must not be kept so long that it will develop a sharp acid, for that would impart an unpleasant flavor to the butter.  
Now is the time when plenty of milk is desirable for the market. Prices are at their best and the cows should be fed so as to make the most milk.  
When pigs are six weeks old they may be turned into grass and clover pasture if weather is warm; if cold and ground wet keep them in dry, roomy pens.  
Always handle ducks and geese by their necks and never by the legs, as fowls are handled, for these limbs are not strong enough to serve as handles and will readily break.  
A farm of 25 acres, properly farmed in the hands of an economical, industrious man will support four cows, one horse, 50 laying hens, four shoats and all the vegetables for the family.  
The alfalfa field should be a sacred place after October and until May, and no animal allowed to set foot within it; the treading or driving on the crown of the plants is very injurious. Mowing the fields is preferable before it is seeded or early in the fall, and then a very light covering.

Burn the orchard rubbish.  
Weeds rob the soil of moisture.  
Cucumbers are rather an uncertain crop.  
Whey is not desirable for young pig feeding.  
The new broods of chicks should be housed carefully.  
Try to detect any disease that the young plant may have.  
It is not safe to attempt to grow potatoes without spraying.  
The Indian runner ducks are the layers of the duck family.  
A good plowman can drive three horses as easily as he can two.  
Nothing sets a cow off more and better than a finely shaped udder.  
Young pigs must have an abundance of exercise, sunlight and fresh air.  
All dairy utensils should be washed as soon as possible after being used.  
Grit is to the fowl what teeth are to the ruminating animal, a necessity.  
If you grow squashes and have never seen the squash bug you are fortunate.  
Old geese lay a greater number and larger eggs and are more reliable than young geese.  
Grit can always be had from any one who deals in poultry supplies and is inexpensive.  
The mangel is excellent for stock feed, being greatly relished by milk cows in winter.  
Keep the chicks free from lice. They cannot grow well and fight lice at the same time.  
Weeds crowd the cultivated plants, depriving them of light and space in both soil and air.  
The poultry house should be divided into apartments that provide room for about 20 or 25 fowls.  
Clover and grass seed will nearly always do best when they can be started in early growth.  
Pruning may be done at any time of the year. The best time is just before growth begins in the tree.  
In starting a new asparagus bed it is better to buy two-year-old roots than to use seed, for this season.  
Thrush is mostly due to dirty stables, horses standing in fermenting manure or walking in mud and snow water.  
A part of the veterinarian's of the country have gone tuberculin mad, and they have some able outside support.  
Young ducks, and the old ones also, must have shade, to protect them from the direct rays of the midsummer sun.  
Dairy bred stock is scarce and it will take many years to supply the rapidly increasing demand for dairy bred cattle.  
Of the insects attacking squashes, melons, cucumbers, pumpkins, etc., the common striped cucumber beetle is the most injurious.  
After the sows wean their pigs the fall, and that crop of pigs makes the summer crop the next year.  
Fresh air and sunshine are the best disinfectants that the poultry raiser has at his disposal and ought to be more often used in his work.  
The well-hatched chicks in the carefully-cared-for brooder will amount to little unless the food is supplied in proper amounts and at right intervals.  
There is no doubt that if the guinea hen is properly cared for at all times that it will prove almost as profitable as any of the ordinary breeds of chickens.  
In milling and baking quality, the durum wheats rank high, giving good results in most respects, with the possible exception of the color of the flour.  
No cow can do her best or even keep up a normal flow of milk when compelled to stand out in the hot midday sun of July or August and fight the flies.  
The Indian Runner ducks are not very good sitters although they are often inclined to incubate. Their eggs are generally put into incubators or under hens for hatching.  
If the dairy is kept sanitary throughout, and the butter is worked well, and stored at a temperature of about 40 degrees, it will keep from three to four times longer than butter which is made by a careless homemaker.  
If you have a good breed of pigs take good care of them; feed the young growing stock all they will eat of warm milk feed slop made fresh every day; after the slop is eaten, scatter one or two quarts of white oats in the straw of pens.

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